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- (1) Scholastic Aptitude Test (S.A.T.)
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- (3) College Board Achievement Tests (C.B.A.T.)

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BASIC WORD LIST

WORD LIST 1

abase-allegory

abase v. lower; humiliate. His refusal to abase himself in the eyes of his followers irritated the king who wanted to humiliate the arrogant leader. abasement n.

abash v. embarrass. He was not at all abashed by her open admiration

abdicate v. renounce; give up. When Edward VIII abdicated the British throne, he surprised the entire world. abettor N. encourager. He was accused of being an aider

and abettor of the criminal. abet v.

abeyance (-ba'-) N. suspended action. The deal was held in abevance until his arrival.

abhor v. detest; hate. He abhorred all forms of bigotry. abhorrence n.

abjure v. renounce upon oath. He abjured his allegiance to the king, abjuration n.

ablution N. washing. His daily ablutions were accompanied by loud noises which he humorously labeled "Opera in the Bath.'

abominate v. loathe; hate. Moses abominated idol worship. aboriginal ADJ. pertaining to the primitive stage of civilization. His studies of the primitive art forms of the aboriginal Indians were widely reported in the scientific journals. aborigines n.

abortive ADJ. unsuccessful; fruitless. We had to abandon

our abortive attempts.

abrade v. wear off by rubbing. The skin of his leg was abraded by the sharp rocks. abrasion n.

abrogate v. abolish. He intended to abrogate the decree issued by his predecessor.

abscond v. depart secretly. The teller absconded with the bonds.

absolve v. pardon (an offense). The father confessor absolved him of his sins. absolution n.

abstemious (-stēm'-) ADJ. temperate; sparing in drink, etc. The drunkards mocked him because of his abstemious

abstinence N. restraint from eating or drinking. The doctor recommended total abstinence from alcoholic bev-

abstruse ADJ. obscure; profound. He read abstruse works in philosophy.

accelerate v. move faster. In our science class, we learn how falling bodies accelerate. acceleration, n.

accessory ADJ. additional; useful but not essential. The accessories she bought cost more than the dress. also n.

acclivity (-klīv'-) N. sharp upslope of a hill. The car could not go up the acclivity in high gear.

accolade (-lad') N. award of merit. In Hollywood, an "Oscar" is the highest accolade.

accomplice N. partner in crime. She was his accomplice in

accord N. agreement. He was in complete accord with the verdict.

accost v. greet; speak first to a person. He accosted the young lady.

accoutre (-oot'-) v. equip. The fisherman was a coutred with the best that the sporting goods store could upply. accoutrements, n.

accretion (-kre-) N. growth; increase. The accretion of

wealth marked the family's rise in power.

accrue v. to come about by addition. You must pay the interest which has accrued on your debt as well as the principal sum. accrual, n.

acetic (-sēt'-) ADJ. vinegary. The salad had an exceedingly

acetic flavor.

acidulous (-sid'-) ADJ. somewhat acidy; sourish. The spinster spurned him with an acidulous retort.

acme (ak'-mė) n. top; pinnacle. His success in this role marked his acme as an actor.

acoustics (-koos'-) N. science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in. Carnegie Hall is liked by music lovers because of its fine acoustics.

acquiescent (-kwi-es'-) ADJ. accepting but not necessarily agreeing with. His acquiescent manner did not indicate the extent of his reluctance to join the group. acquiesce, v. acquittal N. deliverance from a charge. His acquittal by the jury surprised those who had thought him guilty.

acrid ADJ. sharp; bitterly pungent. The acrid odor of burnt gunpowder filled the room after the pistol had been fired. acrimonious ADJ. stinging; caustic. His tendency to utter acrimonious remarks alienated his audience. acrimony,

actuarial ADJ. calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics. According to recent actuarial tables, life expectancy is greater today than it was a century ago.

actuate v. compel; motivate. I fail to understand what actuated you to reply to this letter so flippantly.

acumen (-kū'-) N. mental keenness. His business acumen helped him to succeed where others had failed.

adage (ad-) N. wise saying; proverb. There is much truth in the old adage about fools and their money.

adamant (ad'-) ADJ. hard; inflexible. He was adamant in his determination to punish the wrongdoer. adamantine,

adapt v. alter; modify. This play was adapted from the French.

addiction N. habitual devotion to. His addiction to drugs caused his friends much grief.

adduce v. to present as evidence. When you adduce evidence of this nature, you must be sure of your sources.

adept (-dept') expert at. He was adept at the fine art of irritating people.

adhere v. stick fast to. I will adhere to this opinion until proof that I am wrong is presented. adhesion, n.

adipose (ăd'-) ADJ. fatty. Adipose tissue should be avoided by middle-aged people.

adjuration (åj-ōō-rā'-) N. solemn warning. His adjuration to tell the truth did not change the witnesses' testimony, adjure. v.

admonish v. warn; reprove. He admonished his listeners to change their wicked ways. admonition, n.

ádroit ADJ. skillful. His *adroit* handling of the delicate situation pleased his employers.

adulation N. flattery. He thrived on the adulation of his henchmen.

adulterate v. make impure by mixing with baser substances. It is a crime to adulterate foods without informing the buyer.

adumbration (-brā'-) N. foreshadowing; outlining. The adumbration of the future in science fiction is often extremely fantastic.

adventitious (-ti'-) ADJ. accidental; casual. He found this adventitious meeting with his friend extremely fortunate. adverse (-vêrse') ADJ. opposing; hostile. Adverse circumstances compelled him to close his business.

adversity N. poverty; misfortune. We must learn to meet adversity gracefully.

advocate \vee . urge; plead for. The abolitionists advocated freedom for the slaves. also n.

aesthetic (ĕs-thĕt'-) ADJ. dealing with or capable of appreciation of the beautiful Because of his aesthetic nature,

he was emotionally disturbed by ugly things. aesthete, n. affected ADJ. artificial; pretended. His affected mannerisms irritated many of us who had known him before his promotion. affectation, n.

affiliation N. joining; associating with. His affiliation with the political party was of short duration for he soon disagreed with his colleagues.

affinity N. kinship. He felt an affinity with all who suffered; their pains were his pains.

affirmation N. solemn avowal by one who refuses to take an oath. The Constitution of this country provides for

oath or affirmation by officeholders.

affluence (aff'-) N. abundance; wealth. Foreigners are amazed by the affluence and luxury of the American way of life.

affray N. public brawl. He was badly mauled by the fighters in the affray.

agape (agāp') ADJ. open-mouthed. He stared, agape, at the many strange animals in the zoo.

agglomeration N. collection; heap. It took weeks to assort the agglomeration of miscellaneous items he had collected on his trip.

aggregate ADJ. sum; total. The aggregate wealth of this country is staggering to the imagination. also v.

aghast ADJ. horrified. He was aghast at the effrontery of the speaker who had insulted his host.

agility N nimbleness. The agility of the acrobat amazed and thrilled the audience.

agitate v. stir up; disturb. His fiery remarks agitated the already angry mob.

agnostic N. expressing ignorance (of God). The agnostic demanded proof before he would accept the statement of the minister. also ADJ.

alacrity N. cheerful promptness. He demonstrated his eagerness to serve by his alacrity in executing the orders of his master.

albeit (awl be'it) CONJ. although. Albeit fair, she was not sought after.

alchemy N. medieval chemistry. The transmutation of baser metals into gold was the goal of the students of alchemy. alchemist, N.

alias (āl'-ĭ-ās) N. an assumed name. John Smith, alias James Doe, was indicted by the Grand Jury.

alienate v. make hostile; separate. His attempts to alienate the two friends failed because they had implicit faith.

alimentary ADJ. supplying nourishment. The alimentary canal in our bodies is so named because digestion of foods occurs there.

alimony N. payment by a husband to his divorced wife. Mrs. Jones was awarded \$200.00 monthly alimony by the court when she was divorced from her husband.

allay v. calm; pacify. The crew tried to allay the fears of the passengers by announcing that the fire had been controlled.

allege v. state as a fact. It is *alleged* that he had worked for the enemy. allegation, N.

allegory N. story in which characters are used as symbols; fable. "Pilgrim's Progress" is an *allegory* of the temptations and victories of man's soul.

ETYMOLOGY 1.

AB, ABS (from, away from) prefix

abduct lead away, kidnap abjure renounce (swear away from)

abject degraded (thrown away from)

ABLE, IBLE (capable of) adjective suffix

portable able to be carried legible able to be read interminable unable to be ended

AC, IC (like, pertaining to) adjective suffix

cardiac pertaining to heart aquatic pertaining to water dramatic pertaining to drama

ACR (sharp)

acrimonious bitter
acerbity bitterness of temper
acidulate to make somewhat acidy or sour

AD (to, forward) prefix

adit entrance
adjure request earnestly
admit allow entrance

Note: by assimilation, the AD prefix is changed to

AC in accord

AF in affliction

AG in aggregation

AN in annexation

AP in apparition

AR in arraignment

as in assumption

AT in attendance

AEV (age, era)

primeval of the first age coeval of the same age or era

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THE VERBAL PART OF THE SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST

medieval of the middle ages

AG, ACT (to do)

act deed agent doer

retroactive having a backward or reversed action

AGOG (leader)

demagogue false leader of people

pedagogue teacher (leader of children)
synagogue house of worship (leading together of people)

AGRI, AGRARI (field)

agrarian one who works in the fields; farmer agriculture cultivation of fields peregrination wandering; going through fields

ALI (another) .

alias assumed (another) name alienate estrange (divert from another) inalienable unable to be diverted from another

TEST—WORD LIST 1

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- 1. aborigines 1 first designs 2 absolutions 3 greases 4 concepts 5 primitive inhabitants
- 2. abevance 1 obedience 2 discussion 3 equestrian 4 suspended action 5 editorial
- 3. abjure 1 discuss 2 renounce 3 run off secretly 4 body of twelve 5 project
- 4. ablution 1 censure 2 forgiveness 3 mutiny 4 survivor 5 washing
- 5. abortive 1 unsuccessful 2 consuming 3 financing 4 familiar 5 fruitful
- 6. abasement 1 incurrence 2 taxation 3 ground floor 4 humility 5 humiliation
- 7. abettor 1 conception 2 one who wagers 3 encourager 4 evidence 5 protection
- 8. abstruse 1 profound 2 irrespective 3 suspension 4 protesting 5 not thorough

- 9. acclivity 1 index 2 decline 3 upslope of a hill 4 charter 5 negotiator
- 10. accoutre 1 compromise 2 equip 3 revise 4 within 5 visit
- 11. accrue 1 to come about by addition 2 to reach summit 3 to create a crisis 4 process 5 educate
- 12. accretion 1 mayonnaise 2 ban 3 increase 4 protection 5 ceremony
- 13. acme 1 pinnace 2 skin disease 3 typically 4 congestion 5 pinnacle
- 14. acidulous 1 recommended 2 very bitter 3 realistic 4 somewhat acid 5 very generous
- 15. abstinence 1 restrained eating or drinking 2 vulgar display 3 deportment 4 reluctance 5 population
- 16. acrid 1 sour 2 bitterly pungent 3 sweetish 4 slightly acid 5 very hard
- 17. adipose 1 sandy 2 round 3 fatty 4 alkali 5 soft
- 18. adventitious 1 incident 2 happily 3 courageous 4 accidental 5 foretelling
- 19. affluence 1 wealth 2 fear 3 persuasion 4 consideration 5 neglect
- 20. allegory 1 fable 2 poem 3 essay 4 anecdote 5 novel

WORD LIST 2 alleviate - aptitude

alleviate (-lēv'-ĭ-) v. relieve. This should alleviate the pain; if it does not, we shall have to use stronger drugs. alleviation, N.

allocate v. assign. Even though the Red Cross had allocated a large sum for the relief of the sufferers of the disaster, many people perished.

alloy N. a mixture as of metals. Alloys of gold are used more frequently than the pure metal.

allude v. refer. Try not to allude to this matter in his presence because it annoys him to hear of it.

allusion N. reference. The allusions to mythological characters in Milton's poems bewilder the reader who has not studied Latin.

alluvial ADJ. pertaining to soil deposits left by rivers, etc. The farmers found the alluvial deposits at the mouth of the river very fertile.

aloof ADJ. apart; separated. He remained aloof while all the rest conversed.

altercation N. wordy quarrel. Throughout the entire altercation, not one sensible word was uttered.

altruism (al'-troo-) N. unselfish benevolence; generosity. The philanthropist was noted for his altruism.

amalgamate (-mal'-) N. combine; unite in one body. The unions will attempt to amalgamate their groups into one national body.

amass (-mas') v. collect. The miser's aim is to amass and hoard as much gold as possible.

ambiguous (-big'-) ADJ. doubtful in meaning. His ambiguous directions misled us; we did not know which road to take. ambiguity, N.

amble v. move at an easy pace. When she first mounted the horse, she was afraid to urge the animal to go faster than the gentle amble which to her was rapid enough.

ambrosia (-brō'-) N. food of the gods. Ambrosia was supposed to give immortality to any human who ate it.

ambulatory (ăm'-) ADJ. walking. He was described as an ambulatory patient because he was not confined to his bed. ameliorate (-mēl'i-) v. improve. Many social workers have attempted to ameliorate the conditions of people living in the slums.

amenable (-mēn'-) And readily managed; willing to be led. He was amenable to any suggestions which came from those he looked up to; he resented advice from his inferiors.

amenities (-měn'-) N. agreeable manners; courtesies. He ob-

served the social amenities.

amiable (ām'-) ADJ. agreeable; lovable. His amiable disposition pleased all who had dealings with him.

amicable (ām'-) ADJ. friendly. The dispute was settled in an amicable manner with no harsh words.

amnesia N. loss of memory. Because she was suffering from amnesia, the police could not get the young lady to identify herself.

amnesty N. pardon. When his first child was born, the king

granted amnesty to all in prison.

amorphous ADJ. shapeless. He was frightened by the amorphous mass which had floated in from the sea.

amphibian ADJ. living on land and water. Frogs are classified as amphibian. also N.

amphitheatre N. oval building with tiers of seats. The spectators in the amphitheatre cheered the gladiators.

ample ADJ. abundant. He had ample opportunity to dispose of his loot before the police caught up with him.

amplify v. enlarge. His attempts to amplify upon his remarks were drowned out by the jeers of the audience.

amputate v. to cut off part of body; to prune. When the doctors decided to amputate his leg to prevent the spread of gangrene, he cried that he preferred death to incapacity. amputation, N.

amulet (ăm'-) N. charm; talisman. Around his neck he wore the amulet which the witch doctor had given him.

anaesthetic (-thēt'-) N. capable of making unconscious. His monotonous voice acted like an *anaesthetic*; his audience was soon asleep. anaesthesia, N.

analogous (-năl'-) ADJ. comparable. He called our attention to the things that had been done in an analogous situation

and recommended that we do the same.

analogy N. comparison. Your analogy is not a good one because the two situations are not similar.

anarchy (ān'-) N. absence of governing body; state of disorder. The assassination of the leaders led to a period of anarchy.

anathema (-nāth'-) N. solemn curse. He heaped anathema upon his foe.

ancillary (ăn'-sĭl-) ADJ. serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary. In an ancillary capacity he was helpful; however, he could not be entrusted with leadership.

andirons N. metallic supports in a fireplace for cooking utensils or logs. She spent many hours in the department stores looking for a pair of ornamental andirons for her fireplace.

anemia (-nēm'-) N. condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles. The doctor ascribes his tiredness to anemia.

anemic, ADJ.

anhydrous ADJ. lacking water. Certain crystalline substances are found in an *anhydrous* as well as a wet state.

animadversion (-vêr'-) N. critical remark. He resented the animadversions of his critics, particularly because he realized they were true.

animalcule (-māl'=) N. very tiny form of life. A new world is revealed to us when we examine the animalcules in a protozoa culture under the microscope.

animated ADJ. lively. Her animated expression indicated a keenness of intellect. animation, N.

animosity N. active enmi He incurred the animosity of the ruling class because he advocated limitations of their power.

annals N. records; history. In the annals of this period, we find no mention of democratic movements.

annihilate (-nī'-ĭ-) v. destroy. The enemy in its vindictiveness tried to annihilate the entire population.

annuity N. yearly allowance. The annuity he set up with the insurance company supplements his social security benefits so that he can live very comfortably without working.

annul (-nŭl') v. to make void. The parents of the eloping couple tried to annul the marriage. annulment, N.

anomalous (-nŏm'-) ADJ. abnormal; irregular. He was placed in the anomalous position of seeming to approve procedures which he despised.

anomaly N. irregularity. A bird that cannot fly is an anomaly.

anonymous (-nŏn'-) ADJ. having no name signed. He tried to ascertain the identity of the writer of the anonymous letter.

antagonism (-tag'-) N. active resistance. We shall have to overcome the antagonism of the natives before our plans for settling this area can succeed.

antediluvian (-100'-) ADJ. antiquated; ancient. The antediluvian customs had apparently not changed for thousands of years.

anthropoid (an'-) ADJ. manlike. The gorilla is the strongest of the anthropoid animals.

anthropologist (-pŏl'-) N. a student of the history and science of the human race. Anthropologists have discovered several relics of prehistoric man in this area.

anticlimax (-clīm'-) N. ludicrous let-down in thought or emotion. After the fine performance in the first act, the rest of the play was an anticlimax. anticlimactic, ADJ.

the play was an anticlimax. anticlimactic, ADJ. antipathy (-tip'-) N. aversion; dislike. His extreme antipathy to dispute caused him to avoid argumentative discussions with his friends.

antipodes (-tip'-ò-dēz) N. anything exactly opposite; opposite poles. The children's saying that they would "dig straight down to China" indicated a common belief that this country and China were antipodes.

antiseptic N. opposing poisoning; healing. It is advisable to apply an antiseptic to any wound, no matter how slight or

insignificant.

antithesis (-tith'-ė-) N. contrast; direct opposite of or to. This tyranny was the *antithesis* of all that he had hoped for and he fought it with all his strength.

apathetic ADJ. indifferent. He felt apathetic about the conditions he had observed and did not care to fight against

them

aperture (ap'-) N. opening; hole. He discovered a small aperture in the wall, through which the insects had entered the room.

apex N. tip; summit; climax. He was at the apex of his career.

aphorism (ăf'-or-ĭzm) N. pithy maxim. An aphorism differs from an adage in that it is more philosophical or scientific. aphoristic, ADJ.

aplomb N. poise. His nonchalance and aplomb in times of trouble always encouraged his followers.

apocryphal (-pok'-) ADJ. not genuine; sham. His apocryphal tears misled no one.

apogee $(ap' - o - j\bar{e})$ N. highest point. When the moon in its orbit is furthest away from the earth, it is at its apogee.

apostate (-pŏs'-) N. one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs. Because he switched from one party to another, his former friends shunned him as an apostate.

apothecary (-poth'-) N. druggist. In the apothecaries' weight, twelve ounces equal one pound.

apothegm ($\check{a}p'$ -) N, pithy, compact saying. Proverbs are *apothegms* that have become familiar sayings.

apotheosis (-ōs'-) N. deification; glorification. The apotheosis of a Roman emperor was designed to insure his eternal greatness.

apparition N. ghost; phantom. Hamlet was uncertain about the identity of the apparition that had appeared and spoken to him.

appease v. pacify; soothe. We have discovered that, when we try to *appease* our enemies, we encourage them to make additional demands.

appellation N. name; title. He was amazed when the witches hailed him with his correct *appellation*.

append v. attach. I shall append this chart to my report.

apposite (*ăp'*-) ADJ. appropriate; fitting. He was always able to find the *apposite* phrase, the correct expression for every occasion.

appraise v. estimate value of. It is difficult to appraise the value of old paintings; it is easier to call them priveless. apprehend (-hēnd') v. arrest (a criminal); dread. The police will apprehend the culprit and convict him before long.

apprehensive ADJ. fearful. His apprehensive glances at the people who were walking in the street revealed his ner ousness.

apprise (prīz) v. inform. When he was apprised of the dangerous weather conditions, he decided to postpone his trip.

appurtenances N. possessions. He bought the estate and all its appurtenances.

aptitude N. fitness; talent. The counselor gave him an aptitude test before advising him about the career he should follow

ETYMOLOGY 2

AMBI (both) prefix

ambiguous of double meaning
ambivalent possessing conflicting (both) emotions

AN (without) prefix

anarchy lack of government anemia lack of blood anesthesia without feeling

ANTE (before) prefix

antecedent preceding event or word antedihivian ancient (before the flood) ante-nuptial before the wedding

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- alleviate 1 durable 2 worsen 3 unlimited 4 maneuver
 5 humiliate
- amalgamate 1 equip 2 separate 3 generate 4 housing project 5 repress
- 23. amass 1 twenty 2 rotation 3 concern 4 separate 5 recollect
- 24. antediluvian 1 transport 2 subtle 3 isolated 4 celebrated 5 modern
- 25. antipathy 1 profundity 2 objection 3 volunteer 4 ab-
- 26. appease 1 agitate 2 basic 3 display 4 predatory 5 interrupt
- 27. apposite 1 inappropriate 2 diagonal 3 exponent 4 unobtrusive 5 discouraging
- 28. apprehend 1 obvious 2 set free 3 shiver 4 understand 5 contrast
- aloof 1 triangular 2 gregarious 3 compute 4 honorable 5 savory

ANIM (mind, soul)

animadvert cast criticism upon (turn one's mind)
unanimous of one mind
magnanimity greatness of mind or spirit

ANN (year)

annuity yearly remittance biennial every two years perennial flowering yearly; a yearly flowering plant

ANTHROP (man)

anthropology study of man misanthrope recluse (hater of mankind) philanthropy love of mankind; charity

- 30. amicable 1 penetrating 2 compensating 3 unfriendly 4 zig-zag 5 unescapable
- 31. amorphous 1 nauseous 2 obscenity 3 providential 4 definite 5 hice spring
- 32. amplify 1 distraction 12 intellect 3 publicize 4 decrease 5 pioneer
- 33. antithesis 1 velocity 2 maximum 3 similarity 4 acceleration 5 reaction
- 34. *anomaly* 1 desperation 2 requisition 3 registry 4 regularity 4 radiation
- 35. apriçude 1 sarcasm 2 inverse 3 two decades 4 lack of talent 5 gluttony
- 36. anathematize 1 locate 2 deceive 3 regulate 4 radiate 5 bless
- 37. altruism 1 good nature 2 height 3 descent 4 modernity
 5 miserliness
 38. ambiguous 1 salvage 2 corresponding 3 responsible
- 4 clear 5 auxiliary
 39. anemic 1 pallid 2 cruel 3 red-blooded 4 ventilating
- 5 hazardous
 40. anonymous 1 desperate 2 signed 3 defined 4 expert
 5 written

aquiline - bantering WORD LIST 3

aquiline (a'-kwil-) ADJ. curved, hooked. He can be recognized by his aquiline nose, curved like the beak of the eagle. arable ADJ. fit for plowing. The land was no longer arable; erosion had removed the valuable top soil.

arbiter (ärb'-) N. arbitrator. As an arbiter in labor disputes, he has won the confidence of the workers and the em-

plovers.

arbitrary ADJ. fixed or decided; depotic. Any arbitrary action on your part will be resented by the members

of the board whom you do not consult.

arcade N. a covered passageway, usually lined with shops. The arcade was popular with shoppers because it gave them protection from the summer sun and the winter rain. archaeology (-ki-ŏl'-) N. study of prehistoric relics of early mankind. The professor of archaeology headed an expedition to the Gobi Desert.

archaic (-kā'-ic) ADJ. antiquated. Proven is the archaic form of the past participle of prove and should not be used.

archipelago (ärk-) N. group of closely located islands. When he looked at the map and saw the archipelagoes in the South Seas, he longed to visit them.

ardor N. heat; fire; zeal. His ardor was contagious; soon

everyone was eagerly working.

arduous ADJ. hard; strenuous. His arduous efforts had sapped his energy.

argot (drg'-ō) N. slang. In the argot of the underworld, he "was taken for a ride."

aromatic ADJ. fragrant. Medieval sailing vessels brought aro-

matic herbs from China to Europe. arraign (-ān') v. to charge in court, indict. After his indictment by the Grand Jury, the accused man was arraigned in

the County Criminal Court. arraignment, N. arrant (ăr'-) ADJ. thorough; complete; unmitigated. "Arrant knave," an epithet found in books dealing with the age of

chivalry, is a term of condemnation.

arrogance N. haughtiness. The arrogance of the nobility was

resented by the middle class.

artifacts N. products of primitive art. Archaeologists debated the significance of the artifacts discovered in the ruins of Asia Minor and came to no conclusion.

artifice N. deception; trickery. The Trojan War proved to the Greeks that cunning and artifice were often more effective than military might.

artisan N. trained worker. Artists and artisans alike are necessary to the development of a culture.

ascertain (-tan') v. find out for certain. Please ascertain his present address.

ascetic (ăs-sĕt'-) ADJ. giving to self-denial. The cavalier could not understand the ascetic life led by the monks.

asceticism N. doctrine of self-denial. We find asceticism carried on in many parts of the world.

ascribe (-krīb') v. refer; attribute; assign. I can ascribe no motive for his acts.

ashen ADJ. ash-colored. His face was ashen with fear.

askance (-kans') ADV. with a sideways or oblique look. Looking askance at her questioner, she displayed her

askew $(-k\bar{u}')$ ADV. crookedly; obliquely. When he placed his hat askew upon his head, his observers laughed.

asperity N. sharpness (of temper). These remarks, spoken with asperity, stung the boys to whom they had been

aspersion N. slanderous remark. Do not cast aspersions on his efforts.

aspirant N. seeker. Although I am an aspirant for public office, I am not willing to accept the dictates of the party hosses.

aspiration N. noble ambition. Man's aspirations should be as lofty as the stars.

assail v. assault. He was assailed with questions after his

assay (-sā') v. analyze; evaluate. When they assayed the ore, they found that they had discovered a very rich vein.

asseverate (-sev'-) v. make a positive statement or solemn declaration. I will asseverate my conviction that he is

assiduous (-sid'-) ADJ. done with diligence. He worked assiduously at this task for weeks before he felt satisfied with his results. assiduity, N.

assuage (-swāj') v. ease; lessen (pain). Your messages of

cheer should assuage his suffering. assuagement, N. asteroid N. small planet. Asteroids, invisible to the naked eve, have become commonplace to the readers of interstellar travel stories in science fiction magazines.

astral ADJ. relating to the stars. He was amazed at the number of astral bodies the new telescope revealed.

astringent ADJ. binding; causing contraction. The astringent quality of the unsweetened lemon juice made swallowing difficult

astute ADJ. wise; shrewd. That was a very astute observation. I shall heed it.

atheistic ADJ. denying the existence of God. His atheistic remarks shocked the religious worshippers.

athwart ADV. across. He was lying athwart the gunnels of the

atrocity N. a brutal deed. In time of war, many atrocities are committed by invading armies.

atrophy N. cause to waste away. Infantile paralysis victims need physiotherapy to prevent the atrophy of affected limbs.

attenuate v. made thin; weaken. By withdrawing their forces, the generals hoped to attenuate the enemy lines. attribute (ăt'-) N. an essential quality. His outstanding attri-

bute was his kindness. attrition N. a gradual wearing down. They decided to wage a war of attrition rather than to rely on an all-out attack.

atypical ADJ. not normal. You have taken an atypical case., It does not prove anything.

audacity N. boldness. His audacity in this critical moment encouraged us.

audit N. examination of accounts. When the bank examiners arrived to hold their annual audit, they discovered the embezzlements of the chief cashier.

augment v. increase. How can we hope to augment our forces when our allies are deserting us?

augury N. omen; prophecy. He interpreted the departure of the birds as an augury of evil. augur, v.

auspicious ADJ. favoring success. The enterprise was started auspiciously.

austerity N. sternness; severity. The austerity and dignity of the court were maintained by the new justices.

authenticate v. prove genuine. What do you look for when you try to authenticate a painting?

autocrat N. monarch with supreme power. The nobles tried to limit the powers of the autocrat without success. autocracy, N.

automaton (-tŏm'-) N. mechanism which imitates actions of humans. Long before science fiction readers became aware of robots, writers were presenting stories of automatons who could outperform men.

autonomous ADJ. self-governing. This island is a colony; however, in most matters, it is autonomous and receives no orders from the mother country. autonomy, N.

autopsy (ôt'-ŏp-si) N. partial dissection of a dead body. The medical examiner ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

auxiliary N. helper, additional or subsidiary. To prepare for the emergency, they built an auxiliary power station.

avarice N. greediness for wealth. King Midas's avarice has been famous for centuries. avaricious, ADJ.

aver $(a\text{-}v\hat{e}r')$ v. state confidently. I wish to aver that I am certain of success.

averse ADJ. reluctant. He was averse to revealing the sources of his information.

avid ADJ. greedy; eager for. He was avid for learning and read everything he could get. avidity, N.

avouch v. affirm; proclaim. I am willing to employ your friend if you will avouch for his integrity.

avow v. declare openly. I must avow that I am innocent. avuncular (-vŭnk'-) ADJ. like an uncle. Avuncular pride did not prevent him from noticing his nephew's shortcomings. awe N. solemn wonder. The tourists gazed with awe at the tremendous panorama of the Grand Canyon.

awry (-rī') ADV. distorted; crooked. He held his head awry,

giving the impression that he had caught cold in his neck during the night.

axiom N. self-evident truth requiring no proof. Before a student can begin to think along the lines of Euclidean geometry, he must accept certain principles or axioms.

azure ADJ. sky blue. Azure skies are indicative of good weather.

babble v. chatter idly. The little girl babbled about her doll. bacchanalian (bak-à-nā'-) ADJ. drunken. Emperor Nero attended the bacchanalian orgy.

badger v. pester; annoy. The drunkard began to badger the bartender.

baffle v. frustrate; perplex. The new code baffled the enemy agents.

baleful ADJ. deadly; destructive. That is a baleful omen.

balk v. foil. He tried to balk the escape.

balmy ADJ. mild; fragrant. A balmy breeze refreshed us after the sultry blast.

banal (bān'-) ADJ. hackneyed; commonplace; trite. His frequent use of clichés made his essay seem banal. banality, N. bandanna N. large, bright-colored handkorshiof. She apple

bandanna N. large, bright-colored handkerchief. She could be identified by the gaudy bandanna she wore as a head covering.

baneful ADJ. ruinous; poisonous. His baneful influence was feared by all.

bantering ADJ. good-natured ridiculing. They resented his bantering remarks because they thought he was being sarcastic.

ETYMOLOGY 3

ARCH (chief, first) prefix

archetype original model archbishop chief bishop

archeology study of antiquities (study of first things)

ARCH (government, ruler, first)

monarch sole ruler
anarchy lack of government
archeology study of first or ancient times

AQUA (water)

aqueduct a passageway for conducting water; a conduit aquatic living in water aqua fortis nitric acid (strong water)

ASTÉR (star)

astronomy study of the stars asterisk star-like type character (*) disaster catastrophe (contrary star)

AUD, AUDIT (hear)

audible able to be heard auditorium place where people may be heard audience hearers

AUTO (self)

autocracy rule by self (one person)
automobile vehicle that moves by itself
autobiography story of a person's life written by himself

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- 41. aquiline 1 watery 2 hooked 3 refined 4 antique 5 rodent-like
- 42. archaic 1 youthful 2 cautious 3 antiquated 4 placated 5 buttressed
- 43. ardor 1 zeal 2 paint 3 portal 4 grouped 5 excitement
 44. artifice 1 unnatural 2 exception 3 roast 4 candor 5 loyalty

- 45. artisan 1 educated 2 decided 3 sculptor 4 discursive 5 unskilled laborer
- 46. ascertain 1 alternative 2 mastery 3 to find out for certain 4 certainly 5 explosive
- 47. asteroid 1 Milky Way 2 radiant 3 large planet 4 rising moon 5 setting moon
- 48. asperity 1 anguish 2 absence 3 innuendo 4 good fortune 5 snake
- 49. assuage 1 stuff 2 describe 3 wincing 4 worsen 5 introduce
- 50. astute 1 sheer 2 noisy 3 star-shaped animal 4 unusual 5 foolish
- 51. atrocity 1 endurance 2 muscular 3 session 4 heinous act 5 hatred

52. atypical 1 superfluous 2 booming 3 normal 4 jardeniere 5 loveliest

53. audacity 1 boldness 2 asperity 3 strength 4 stature 5 anchorage

54. avarice 1 anxiety 2 generosity 3 statement 4 invoice 5 power

55. balmy 1 venturesome 2 dedicated 3 mild 4 fanatic 5 memorable

56. awry 1 recommended 2 commiserating 3 startled 4 straight 5 psychological

57. banal 1 philosophical 2 original 3 dramatic 4 heedless 5 discussed

58. baleful 1 doubtful 2 virtual 3 deadly 4 conventional 5 virtuous

1 righteous 2 prospective 3 assistant 59. auxiliary 4 archaic 5 mandatory

60. baneful 1 intellectual 2 thankful 3 decisive 4 nonpoisonous 5 remorseful

barb - caitiff WORD LIST 4

barb N. sharp projection from fishhook, etc. His jacket caught on the barbed wire. barbed, ADJ.

baroque (-rōk') ADJ. grotesque; highly ornate. They found

the baroque achitecture amusing.

barrage (-azh') N. barrier laid down by artillery fire. The company was forced to retreat through the barrage of heavy cannon.

barrister (bă'-ris-) N. counselor-at-law. Galsworthy started as a barrister, but, when he found the practice of law boring, turned to writing.

barterer N. trader. The barterer exchanged trinkets for the

natives' furs.

bate (bat) v. let down; restrain. With bated breath, we nervously awaited the decision of the judges. bated, ADJ.

batten v. to thrive upon others. We cannot accept a system where a favored few can batten in extreme comfort while the others toil.

bauble (bô'-) ADJ. trifling piece of finery or jewelry. The child was delighted with the bauble she had won in the

beatific (bēàtĭf'-) ADJ. giving bliss; blissful. The beatific smile on the child's face made us very happy.

bedizen (bė-dīz'-) v. dress with vulgar finery. The witch doctors were bedizened in all their gaudiest costumes.

bedraggle v. to dirty clothing by dragging through mud. When the bedraggled men returned to the tavern after their all-night vigil in rain, they were given hot food and dry clothing. bedraggled, ADJ.

beguile (-gīl'-) v. delude; cheat; amuse. He beguiled himself during the long hours by playing solitaire.

behoove v. suited to; incumbent upon. In this time of crisis, it behooves all of us to remain calm and await the instructions of our superiors.

belabor v. beat soundly; assail verbally. He was belaboring his opponent.

belated ADJ. delayed. He sent belated greetings.

beleaguer v. besiege. In the beleaguered city, life became. more subdued as the citizens began their long wait for outside assistance. beleaguered, ADJ.

bellicose ADJ. warlike. His bellicose disposition alienated his friends.

benediction N. blessing. The appearance of the sun after the many rainy days was like a benediction.

benefactor N. a friendly helper or patron. Scrooge later became Tiny Tim's benefactor.

beneficiary N. person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will. You may change your beneficiary as often as you wish.

benevolent (-něv'-) ADJ. generous; charitable. His benevoleni nature prevented him from refusing any beggar who accosted him.

benighted ADJ. overcome by darkness. In the benighted Middle Ages, intellectual curiosity was discouraged by the authorities.

benign (-nīn') ADJ. kindly; favorable; not malignant. The old man was well-liked because of his benign attitude toward friend and stranger alike.

berate v. scold strongly. He feared she would berate him for his forgetfulness.

berserk (bêr-sêrk') ADV. frenzied. Angered, he went berserk and began to wreck the room.

bestow v. confer. He wished to bestow great honors upon the hero.

bête noir (bět-nwä') N. an aversion; strong dislike. Going to the opera was his personal bête noir.

betroth (-trōth') v. become engaged to marry. The announcement that they had become betrothed surprised their friends who had not suspected any romance. betrothal, N.

bicameral (bī-) ADJ. two-chambered as a legislative body. The United States Congress is a bicameral body.

biennial $(b\bar{\imath}$ -) ADJ. every two years. The plant bore flowers hiennially

bigotry N. stubborn intolerance. Brought up in a democratic atmosphere, the student was shocked by the bigotry and narrowness expressed by several of his classmates.

bilious ADJ. suffering from indigestion, irritable. His bilious temperament was apparent to all who heard him rant about his difficulties.

bivouac (biv'-oo ak) N. temporary camping. While in bivouac, we spent the night in our sleeping bags under the

bizarre (bǐ-zâr') ADJ. fantastic; violently contrasting in color. The plot of the novel was too bizarre to be believed. bland ADJ. soothing; mild. She used a bland ointment for her sunburn.

blandishment N. flattery. Despite his blandishments, the young lady rejected his companionship.

blasphemous (blas'-fem-) ADJ. profane; impious. The people in the room were shocked by his blasphemous language.

blatant (blā'-) ADJ. loudly offensive. I regard your remarks as blatant and ill-mannered. blatancy, N.

blazon (blāz'-) v. to decorate with an heraldic coat of arms. Blazoned on his shield were the two lambs and the lion, the traditional coat of arms of his family.

bleak ADJ. cold; cheerless. The Aleutian Islands are bleak military outposts.

blithe ADJ. gay; joyous. Shelley called the skylark a "blithe spirit" because of its happy song.

bloated ADJ. swollen or puffed as with water or air. The bloated corpse was taken from the river.

bludgeon N. club; heavy-headed weapon. His walking stick served him as a bludgeon on many occasions.

bode v. foreshadow; portend. The gloomy skies and the sulphurous odors from the mineral springs seemed to bode evil to those who settled in the area.

boisterous ADJ. violent; rough; noisy. The unruly crowd became even more boisterous when he tried to quiet them.

bolster v. support; prop up. I do not intend to bolster your hopes with false reports of outside assistance; the truth is that we must face the enemy alone.

bombastic ADJ. pompous; using inflated language. The orator spoke in a bombastic manner.

bootless ADJ. useless. I "trouble deaf heaven with my boot-

bouillon (bool'-yon) N. a clear beef soup. The cup of bouillon served by the stewards was welcomed by those who had been chilled by the cold ocean breezes.

bountiful ADJ. generous; showing bounty. She distributed gifts in a bountiful and gracious manner.

bourgeois (boor'-zhwa) N. middle class. The French Revolu-

tion was inspired by the bourgeois. also ADJ.

braggadocio (-dō'shĭō) N. boasting. He was disliked because his manner was always full of braggadocio.

bravado (-vah'-do) N. swagger; assumed air of defiance. The bravado of the young criminal disappeared when he was confronted by the victims of his brutal attack.

brazen (brā') ADJ. shameless. Her brazen contempt for authority angered the officials.

brazier (brā'zher) N. open pan in which live coals are burned. On chilly nights, the room was warmed by coals burning in braziers set in the corners of the room.

breach N. breaking of contract or duty; fissure; gap. They found a breach in the enemy's fortifications and penetrated their lines.

brevity N. conciseness. "Brevity is the soul of wit."

bristling ADJ. rising like bristles; showing irritation. The dog stood there, bristling with anger.

broach v. open up. He did not even try to broach the subject of poetry.

brocade N. rich, figured fabric. The sofa was covered with expensive brocade.

brochure (brô'-shoor') N. pamphlet. This brochure on farming was issued by the Department of Agriculture.

ETYMOLOGY 4

BELLI (war)

bellicose inclined to fighting belligerent engaged in war rebellious warring against authority

BEN, BON (well, good)

benefactor one who does good benevolence charity (wishing good) bonus something extra above regular pay

BI (two) prefix

bicameral legislature consisting of two houses biennial every two years bicycle two-wheeled vehicle

BIBLIO (book)

bibliography list of books

brooch (-o-) N. ornamental clasp. She treasured the brooch because it was an heirloom.

brusque (brusk') ADJ. blunt; abrupt. She was onended by his brusque reply.

bucolic (bū-col'-) ADJ. rustic; pastoral. The meadow was the scene of bucolic gaiety.

buffoonery N. clowning. Jimmy Durante's buffoonery is

bullion (bool'-yon) N. gold and silver in the form of bars. Much bullion is stored in the vaults at Fort Knox.

bulwark (bool'-) N. earthwork; person who defends. The navy is our principal bulwark against invasion.

bumptious ADJ. self-assertive. His classmates called him a "show-off" because of his bumptious airs.

bungle v. to spoil by clumsy behavior. I was afraid you would bungle this assignment but I had no one else to

burgeon (bûr'-jn) v. grow forth; send out buds. In the spring, the burgeoning plants are a promise of the beauty that is to come.

burlesque v. to give an imitation that ridicules. In his caricature, he burlesqued the mannerisms of his adversary. also

burnish v. make shiny by rubbing; polish. The burnished metal reflected the lamplight.

buttress N. a support or prop. The huge cathedral walls were supported by flying buttresses.

buxom (bux'-) ADJ. plump; vigorous; jolly. The soldiers remembered the buxom nurse who had always been so pleasant to them.

cabal (-băl") N. a small group of persons united to promote their own interests. The cabal was defeated when their scheme was discovered.

cache (căsh) N. hiding place. The detectives followed the suspect until he led them to the cache where he had stored his loot.

cacophony (kà-kŏf'-) N. discord. Some people seem to enjoy the cacophony of an orchestra that is tuning up.

cadaver (kà-dăv'-) N. corpse. In some states, it is illegal to dissect cadavers.

cadaverous ADJ. like a corpse; pale. By his cadaverous appearance, we could see how the disease had ravaged him. caitiff (cāt'-) N. wicked and mean man. Friar Tuck resented being called a "caitiff" by the Sheriff of Nottingham.

bibliophile lover of books Bible The Book

BIO (life)

biology study of living things biography writing about a person's life biochemist a student of the chemistry of living things

BREVE (short)

brevity briefness abbreviate shorten breve mark placed over vowel to indicate that it is short (ă as in hăt)

CAD, CAS (to fall)

decadent deteriorating cadence intonation, musical movement accident unexpected, chance event

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- 61. baroque 1 polished 2 constant 3 transformed 4 highly ornate 5 aglow
- 62. benign 1 tenth 2 peaceful 3 blessed 4 wavering 5 favorable
- boisterous 1 conflicting 2 noisy 3 testimonial 4 grateful 5 adolescent
- 64. brazen 1 shameless 2 quick 3 modest 4 pleasant 5 melodramatic
- barrister 1 specialist 2 teacher 3 attorney 4 stair railing 5 professor
- 66. biennial 1 yearly 2 every two years 3 favorable 4 impressive 5 celebration
- 67. bombastic 1 sensitive 2 pompous 3 rapid 4 sufficient 5 expensive
- 68. bucolic 1 disease 2 repulsive 3 rustic 4 twinkling 5 cold

- 69. bauble 1 chat idly 2 gaseous 3 soapy 4 trifling piece of jewelry 5 expense
- bigotry 1 tolerable 2 size 3 funeral 4 promptness 5 intolerance
- 71. bouillon 1 insight 2 chowder 3 gold 4 clear soup 5 stew
- 72. buxom 1 voluminous 2 indecision 3 convinced 4 plump 5 bookish
- 73. beatific 1 glorious 2 blissful 3 theatrical 4 crooked 5 handsome
- 74. bland 1 mild 2 meager 3 soft 4 uncooked 5 helpless 75. braggadocio 1 Cyrano 2 boasting 3 skirmish 4 en-
- counter 5 position
 cache 1 travelers checks 2 hiding place 3 tide 4 automatic 5 grapple
- 77. bellicose 1 war-like 2 navel 3 amusing 4 piecemeal 5 errant
- blithe 1 spirit 2 profuse 3 gay 4 hybrid 5 comfortable
 brochure 1 opening 2 pamphlet 3 censor 4 bureau
 5 opening
- 80. cacophony 1 discord 2 dance 3 applause 4 type of telephone 5 rooster

WORD LIST 5 cajole - churlish

- cajole $(-j\delta l')$ v. coax; wheedle. I will not be cajoled into granting you your wish.
- caliber N. ability; capacity. A man of such caliber should not be assigned such menial tasks.
- callous ADJ. hardened; unfeeling. He had worked in the hospital for so many years that he was *callous* to the suffering in the wards. callus, N.
- calorific (käl-o-rif'-) ADJ. heat producing. Coal is much more calorific than green wood.
- calumniate (-ūm'-) v. slander. Shakespeare wrote that love and friendship were subject to envious and calumniating time.
- calumny (căl'-) N. malicious misrepresentation; slander. He could endure his financial failure, but he could not bear the calumny that his foes heaped upon him.
- cameo N. shell or jewel carved in relief. Tourists are advised not to purchase *cameos* from the street peddlers of Rome who sell poor specimens of the carver's art.
- candor N. frankness. The candor and simplicity of his speech impressed all. candid, ADJ.
- **canker** N. any ulcerous sore; any evil. Poverty is a *canker* in the body politic; it must be cured.
- **canny** ADJ. shrewd; thrifty. The *canny* Scotsman was more than a match for the swindlers.
- cant N. jargon of thieves; pious phraseology. Many listeners were fooled by the *cant* and hypocrisy of his speech. cantata (-tah'-) N. story set to music, to be sung by a chorus.
- The choral society sang the new *cantata* composed by its leader.
- **canter** N. slow gallop. Because the race horse had outdistanced its competition so easily, the reporter wrote that the race was won in a *canter*.
- canto N. division of a long poem. In The Man without a

- Country, Philip Nolan is upset when he reads one of Sir Walter Scott's cantos.
- canvass v. determine votes, etc. After canvassing the sentiments of his constituents, the congressman was confident that he represented the majority opinion of his district.
- capacious ADJ. spacious. In the *capacious* areas of the railroad terminal, thousands of travelers lingered while waiting for their train.
- caparison N, V. showy harness or ornamentation for a horse; to put showy ornamentation on a horse. The gaily *caparisoned* horses made their entrance into the circus ring to the accompaniment of a lively march played by the band.
- capitulate v. surrender. The enemy was warned to capitulate or face annihilation.
- caprice (-prēs') N. whim. Do not act on caprice. Study your problem.
- capricious (-prī'-) ADJ. fickle; incalculable. He found her capricious; she changed her mind constantly without reason
- **caption** N. title; chapter heading; text under illustration. I find the *captions* which accompany these cartoons very clever and humorous.
- **captious** ADJ. fault-finding. His criticisms were always *captious* and frivolous, never offering constructive suggestions.
- carat N. unit of weight for precious stones; measure of fineness of gold. He gave her a three *carat* diamond mounted in an eighteen *carat* gold band.
- caricature N. distortion; burlesque. The *caricature* he drew always emphasized a personal weakness of the people he burlesqued.
- carmine (kâr'-mĭn) ADJ. rich red. Her carmine painted lips appeared black on the photograph.
- carnage N. destruction of life. The carnage that can be

caused by atomic warfare adds to the responsibilities of our statesmen.

carnal ADJ, fleshly. The general public was more interested in carnal pleasures than in spiritual matters.

carnivorous ADJ. meat-eating. The lion is a carnivorous animal. carnivore, N.

carousal (-rouz'-) N. drunken revel. The party degenerated into an ugly carousal.

carping ADJ. finding fault. A carring critic disturbs sensitive people.

carrion N. rotting flesh of a dead body. The buzzards ate the carrion.

carte blanche (kârt-blahnsh) N. unlimited authority or freedom. Use your own discretion in this matter; I give you carte blanche.

cascade N. small waterfall. We could not appreciate the beauty of the many cascades as we were forced to make portages around each of them.

castigate v. punish. He decided to castigate the culprit personally.

cosualty N. mishap. Our automobile casualty list is disgracefully high.

cataclysm N. deluge; upheaval. A cataclysm such as the French Revolution affects all countries. cataclysmic,

catapult N. slingshot; a hurling machine. Airplanes are sometimes launched from battleships by catapults.

catastrophe N. calamity. The Johnstown flood was a catastrophe.

catechism N. book for religious instruction; instruction by question and answer. He taught by engaging his pupils in a catechism until they gave him the correct answer.

cathartic N. purgative. Some drugs act as laxatives when taken in small doses. but act as cathartics when taken in much larger doses.

catholic ADJ. broadly sympathetic; liberal. He was extremely catholic in his reading tastes.

cauterize $(k \hat{o} t)$ v. burn with hot iron or caustic. In order to prevent infection, the doctor cauterized the wound.

cavalcade N. procession; parade. As described by Chaucer, the cavalcade of Canterbury pilgrims was a motley group. cavil (kāv'-) v. make frivolous objections. I respect your sensible criticisms, but I dislike the way you cavil about unimportant details.

cede (sēd) v. transfer; yield title to. I intend to cede this property to the city.

celestial ADJ. heavenly. He wrote about the music of "celestial spheres."

celibate (sel'-i-bat) ADJ. unmarried. He vowed to remain celibate. celibacy, N.

censer N. vessel in which insence is burned. Poe writes of "perfume from unseen censers."

censor N. overseer of morals; person who reads to eliminate inappropriate remarks. Soldiers dislike having their mail read by a censor but understand the need for this precaution.

censure v. blame. He was censured for his ill-advised act.

centaur (sěn-tōr) N. mythical figure, half man and half horse. I was particularly impressed by the statue of the centaur in the Roman Hall of the museum.

centigrade ADJ. measure of temperature used widely in Europe. On the centigrade thermometer, the freezing point of water is zero degrees.

centrifugal (-trif'-) ADJ. radiating; departing from the center. Many automatic drying machines remove excess moisture from clothing by centrifugal force.

centurion N. Roman army officer. Because he was in command of a company of one hundred soldiers, he was called a centurion.

cerebral (se'-) ADJ. pertaining to the brain. We are just now beginning to make a determined effort to alleviate the suffering caused by cerebral palsy

cerebration N. thought. Mathematics problems sometimes require much cerebration.

cessation N. stopping. The workers threatened a cessation of all activities if their demands were not met.

cession N. vielding to another; ceding. The cession of Alaska to the United States is discussed in this chapter.

chafe v. warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing. The collar chafed his neck.

chaffing ADJ. bantering; joking. Sometimes his flippant and chaffing remarks annoy us.

chagrin N. vexation; disappointment. His refusal to go with us filled us with chagrin.

chalice N. goblet; consecrated cup. In a small room adjoining the cathedral, many ornately decorated chalices made by the most famous European goldsmiths were on display. chameleon (kà-) N. lizard. Like the chameleon, he assumed

the political thinking of every group he met.

champ v. chew noisily. His dining companions were amused by the way he champed his food.

chaotic ADJ. in utter disorder. He tried to bring order into the chaotic state of affairs.

charlatan (shar'-) N. quack; pretender to knowledge. This advertisement is the work of a charlatan.

chary (chăr'-ĭ) ADJ. cautiously watchful. She was chary of her favors.

chasm (kāzm) N. abyss. They could not see the bottom of the chasm.

chassis (shās'-ē) N. the framework and working parts of an automobile. Examining the car after the accident, the owner discovered that the body had been ruined but that the chassis was unharmed.

chaste (chāst) ADJ. pure. Her chaste and decorous garb was appropriately selected for the solemnity of the occasion. chastity, N.

chastise v. punish. I must chastise you for this offense. chattel N. personal property. When he bought his furniture on the installment plan, he signed a chattel mortgage.

chauvinist (shōv') N. blindly devoted patriot. A chauvinist cannot recognize any faults in his country, no matter how flagrant they may be.

checkered ADJ. marked by changes in fortune. During his checkered career he had lived in palatial mansions and in dreary boarding houses.

chicanery (shǐkā'-) N. trickery. The lawyer was guilty of chicanery in freeing his client.

chide v. scold. Grandma began to chide Junior for his lving

chimerical (ki-mer'-) ADJ. fantastic; highly imaginative. Poe's chimerical stories are sometimes too morbid for reading in bed. chimera, N.

chiropodist $(k\bar{\imath}r'$ -) N. one who treat disorders of the feet. The chiropodist treated the ingrown nail on his foot.

choleric ADJ. hot-tempered. His flushed, angry face indicated a choleric nature.

chronic ADJ. long-established as a disease. His chronic headaches worried the doctors.

churlish ADJ. boorish; rude. Dismayed by his churlish manners at the party, the girls vowed never to invite him again.

ETYMOLOGY 5

CAP, CAPT, CEP (to take)

participate to take part

precept a wise saying (originally, a command)

capture sieze

CAP, CIP (head)

decapitate remove head captain chief

capital major

CATA (down) prefix

catastrophe disaster (turning down)

cataract waterfall

catapult hurl (throw down)

TEST—WORD LIST 5

Each of the questions below consists of a word printed in italics, followed by five words or phrases numbered 1 to 5. Choose the numbered word or phrase which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in italics and write the number of your choice on your answer paper.

- 81. candid 1 vague 2 secretive 3 experienced 4 anxious 5 sallow
- 82. carnivorous 1 gloomy 2 tangential 3 omnivorous 4 weak 5 vegetarian
- 83. celibate 1 investing 2 married 3 retired 4 commodity 5 dubious
- 84. *chimerical* 1 developing 2 wonderful 3 disappearing 4 economical 5 realistic
- 85. capacious 1 warlike 2 cordial 3 curious 4 not spacious 5 not capable
- 86. carousal 1 awakening 2 sobriety 3 accelerated 4 straight ride 5 production
- 87. censure 1 process 2 instant 3 interest 4 praise 5 penmanship
- 88. choleric 1 neckline 2 short poem 3 cool-headed 4 global 5 seasonal

CED, CESS (to yield, to go)

recede go back, withdraw
antecedent that which goes before
concede to yield, to agree with

CENT (one hundred)

century one hundred years centennial hundredth anniversary

Centigrade system of measuring by hundreds

CHRONOS (time)

chronology time table of events

anachronism a thing out of time sequence as Shakespeare's reference to clocks in Julius Caesar

chronicle to register events in order

- 89. capricious 1 satisfied 2 insured 3 photographic 4 scattered 5 steadfast
- 90. catholic 1 religious 2 pacifist 3 conservative 4 heretic 5 atheist
- 91. cessation 1 premium 2 gravity 3 beginning 4 composition 5 stoppage
- 92. churlish 1' marine 2 economical 3 polite 4 compact 5 young
- 93. captious 1 tolerant 2 capable 3 military hat 4 winning 5 recollected
- 94. carte blanche 1 capitalist 2 invested 3 important 4 restricted 5 current
- 95. chaste 1 clean 2 clear 3 curt 4 wanton 5 elope
- 96. chaffing 1 achieving 2 serious 3 capitalistic 4 dish 5 plate
- 97. carnal 1 impressed 2 minute 3 spiritual 4 actual despairing
- 98. centrifugal 1 centripetal 2 centipede 3 180° F. 4 barometric 5 algebraic
- 99. chide 1 unite 2 fear 3 record 4 skid 5 praise
- 190. carping 1 acquiescent 2 mean 3 limited 4 farming 5 racing

word list 6 ciliated - concise

ciliated ADJ, having minute hairs. The paramecium is a ciliated, one-celled animal.

circlet N. small ring; band. This tiny circlet is very costly because it is set with precious stones.

circuitous $(-k\bar{u}'-)$ ADJ. roundabout. Because of the traffic congestion on the main highways, he took a circuitous route.

circumscribe v. limit; confine. Although I do not wish to circumscribe your activities, I must insist that you complete this assignment before you start anything else.

circumspect ADJ. prudent; cautious. Investigating before acting, he tried always to be circumspect.

circumvent v. outwit, baffle. In order to circumvent the enemy, we will make two preliminary attacks in other sections before starting our major campaign.

citadel N. fortress. The citadel overlooked the city like a protecting angel.

cite v. quote; command. He could cite passages in the Bible from memory.

clairvoyant (klair-voi'-) N., ADJ. having foresight; fortuneteller. Cassandra's clairvoyant warning was not heeded by the Trojans. clairvoyance, N.

clamber v. climb by crawling. He clambered over the wall. clandestine (-dēs'-) ADJ. secret. After avoiding their chaperone, the lovers had a clandestine meeting.

clarion ADJ. shrill trumpet-like sound. We woke to the clarion call of the bugle.

claustrophobia (klôs) N. fear of being locked in. His fellow classmates laughed at his claustrophobia and often threatened to lock him in his room.

clavicle N. collarbone. He broke his clavicle in the football

cleave v. split asunder. The lightning cleaves the tree in two. cleavage, N.

cleft N. a split. There was a cleft in the huge boulder.

clemency N. disposition to be lenient; mildness as of the weather. The judge was noted for his clemency towards first offenders

cliché (klē-shā') N. a phrase dulled in meaning by repetition. High school compositions are often marred by such clichés as "strong as an ox."

climactic ADJ. relating to the highest point. When he reached the climactic portions of the book, he could not

clique (klēk) N. small exclusive group. He charged that a clique had assumed control of school affairs.

cloister N. monastery or convent. The nuns lived in the

coadjutor (kō-ādj'-) N. assistant; colleague. He was assigned as coadjutor of the bishop.

coalesce v. combine; fuse. The brooks coalesce into one large river.

cockade N. decoration worn on hat. Members of that brigade can be recognized by the green and white cockade in their helmets.

coerce (kō-êrs') v. force; repress. Do not coerce me into doing this; I hate force.

cog N, ADJ. tooth projecting from a wheel. On steep slopes, cog railways are frequently used to prevent slipping.

cogent (kō'-jent) ADJ. convincing. He presented cogent arguments to the jury.

cogitate v. think over. Cogitate over this problem; the solution will come.

cognate ADJ. allied by blood; of the same or kindred nature. In the phrase, "die a thousand deaths," the word "death" is a cognate object.

cognizance $(k \check{o} g')$ N. knowledge. During the election campaign, the two candidates were kept in full cognizance of

the international situation.

cognomen N. family name. He asked the court to change his cognomen to a more American-sounding name.

cohere v. stick together. Solids have a greater tendency to cohere than liquids.

cohesion N. force which keeps parts together. In order to preserve our cohesion, we must not let minor differences interfere with our major purposes.

cohorts N. armed band. Caesar and his Roman cohorts con-

quered almost all of the known world.

coincident ADJ. occurring at the same time. Some people find the coincident events in Hardy's novels annoying.

collaborate v. work together. Two writers collaborated in preparing this book.

collate v. examine in order to verify authenticity. They collated the newly-found manuscripts to determine their age. collateral N. corroborative; security given for loan. The sum you wish to borrow is so large that it must be secured by collateral.

collation N. a light meal. The ladies were served canapés at the collation.

collier N. worker in coal mine; ship carrying coal. The ex-

tended cold spell has prevented the colliers from delivering the coal to the docks as scheduled.

colloquy (kŏl'-) N. informal discussion. I enjoy our colloquies, but I sometimes wish that they could be made more formal and more searching.

collusion N. conspiring in a fraudulent scheme. The swindlers were found guilty of collusion.

colossal ADJ. huge. Radio City Music Hall has a colossal

combustible ADJ, easily burned. After the recent outbreak of fires in private homes, the fire commissioner ordered that all combustible materials be kept in safe containers.

comely ADJ. attractive; agreeable. I would rather have a comely wife than a rich one.

comestible (mes'-) N. fit to be eaten; something fit to be eaten. The roast turkey and other comestibles, the wines, and the excellent service made this Thanksgiving dinner particularly memorable.

comity N. courtesy; civility. A spirit of comity should exist

among nations.

commandeer v. to draft for military purposes; to take for public use. The policeman commandeered the first car that approached and ordered the driver to go to the nearest hospital.

commensurate ADJ. equal in extent. Your reward will be

commensurate with your effort.

commiserate v. feel or express pity or sympathy for. Her friends commiserated with the widow.

commodious ADJ., spacious and comfortable. After sleeping in small roadside cabins, they found their hotel suite commodious.

compact N. agreement; contract. The signers of the Mayflower Compact were establishing a form of government.

compatible ADJ, harmonious; in harmony with. They were compatible neighbors, never quarreling over unimportant matters.

compilation N. a listing of statistical information in tabular or book form. The compilation of available scholarships serves a very valuable purpose.

complacent (-plā'-) ADJ. self-satisfied. There was a complacent look on his face as he examined his paintings. complacency, N.

complaisant (kom-) ADJ. trying to please; obliging. The courtier obeyed the king's orders in a complaisant manner.

complement N. that which completes. A predicate complement completes the meaning of the subject.

compliant ADJ. yielding. He was compliant and ready to conform to the pattern set by his friends.

comport v. bear one's self. He comported himself with great dignity.

compunction N. remorse. Have you no compunctions when you see the results of your act?

compute v. reckon. He failed to compute the interest.

concatenate v. link as in chain. It is difficult to understand how these events could concatenate as they did without outside assistance.

concentric ADJ. having a common center. The target was made of concentric circles.

conception N. a beginning. At the first conception of the work, he was consulted.

conciliate v. pacify. She tried to conciliate me with a gift. concise ADJ. brief and compact. The essay was concise and explicit.

ETYMOLOGY 6

CID, CIS (to cut, to kill)

incision a cut (surgical)
homicide killing of a main
fratricide killing of a brother

CIRCUM (around) prefix

circumnavigate sail around world circumspect cautious (looking around) circumscribe place a circle around

CIT, CITAT (to call, to start)

incite to stir up, to start up excite to stir up recitation a calling-back again

CIVI (citizen)

civilization society of citizens, culture civilian a member of community civil courteous

CLAM, CLAMAT (to cry out)

clamorous loud declamation a speech acclamation shouted approval

CLAUD, CLAUS (to close)

claustrophobia fear of close places enclose to close in conclude to finish

CLE, CULE (small) noun suffix

molecule small mass corpuscle blood cell follicle small sac

COGNOSC, COGNIT (to learn)

agnostic lacking knowledge, skeptical incognito traveling under assumed name (without knowledge) cognition knowledge

COM (with, together) prefix

combine merge with
commerce trade with
communicate correspond with
By assimilation
coeditor associate editor
collateral connected
conference meeting
corroborate confirm

COMP, COMPLETE (to fill)

complete filled out complement that which completes something comply to fulfil

TEST-WORD LIST 6

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101. clandestine 1 founding 2 secret 3 tangible 4 doomed

5 open
102. cognomen 1 family name 2 dwarf 3 suspicion 4 kind of railway 5 pseudopod

103. combustible 1 flammable 2 industrious 3 waterproof 4 specific 5 plastic

104. compliant 1 numerous 2 frontier 3 softness 4 adamant 5 livid

105. *ciliated* 1 foolish 2 swift 3 early 4 constructed 5 hairy

106. cleft 1 split 2 waterfall 3 assembly 4 ice cream par-

fait 5 surplus

107. cohesion 1 independence 2 pedestrian 3 shift 4 pharmacy 5 climbing

108. comestible 1 vegetable 2 fit to be eaten 3 liquid 4 beautiful 5 circumvented

109. circuitous 1 direct 2 complete 3 obvious 4 roustabout 5 merry-go-round

110. cliché 1 increase 2 vehicle 3 morale 4 original 5 pique

111. coincidental 1 simultaneous 2 changing 3 fortuitous 4 dentist's drill 5 trivial

112. collation 1 furor 2 emphasis 3 distillery 4 spree 5 repast

113. claustrophobia 1 lack of confidence 2 fear of closeups 3 love of books 4 fear of grammar 5 fear of wideopen spaces

114. cite 1 galvanize 2 vision 3 locus 4 quote 5 signal

115. coerce 1 recover 2 total 3 force 4 license 5 ignore
116. cognizance 1 policy 2 ignorance 3 advance 4 discard

5 examination 117. colloquy 1 dialect 2 diversion 3 announcement

4 discussion 5 expansion 118. conciliate 1 defend 2 activate 3 integrate 4 quarrel

5 react
119. commiserate 1 communicate 2 expand 3 miserable
4 miniature 5 sympathize

120. commodious 1 numerous 2 impair 3 leisurely 4 limited 5 expensive